(*c*) the form in which and the conditions on and subject to which licenses will be granted;

(*d*) the period for which licenses are to remain in force; and

(*e*) penalties for breach of the rules or the conditions specified in the licenses;

and generally to carry out the provisions of this Regulation."

This is taken from section 5 of the Indian Explosives Act and appears necessary for the practical working of the Regulation. The Bill itself does not provide for the levy of fees for licenses or other matters mentioned in the proposed section. These are best regulated by rules passed from time to time.

Seconded by Mr. Kesava Pillai.

Carried.

Mr. Kesava Pillai.—I beg to move that the Bill as now amended be published in the Gazette and that it be read again on a future day of which notice shall be given.

The motion was put and agreed to.

PRESS BILL.

Mr. Rajaram Row.—The next item on the Agenda is the final consideration of the Press Bill. Before moving for the passing of the Bill, I beg, with the permission of the President, to propose a few amendments which are purely verbal, though I have not given notice of them.

Section 8.

Mr. Rajaram Row.—I beg to propose that, in line 5, "declarations" be substituted for "declaration." This is merely to correct a typographical error.

Seconded by Mr. Govinda Pillai.

Carried.

Section 14.

Mr. Rajaram Row.—I beg to propose that the words "clause (*a*) of" be omitted in line 9 of the first paragraph, and lines 4 and 5 of the last paragraph of this section. This is necessary in view of the amendment passed at a previous meeting in section 12, which in its amended form does not contain the "clause (*a*)" referred to in the proposed amendment.

Seconded by Mr. Kuruvila.

Carried.

Section 25.

Mr. Rajaram Row.—I beg to propose that the word "keep" be substituted for "own" in line 1 and "keeping" for "owning" in line 3. The amendment is proposed to make the wording consistent with the phraseology employed in sections 3 and 5.

Seconded by Mr. Govinda Pillai.

Carried.

Mr. Rajaram Row.—I am glad to find that this Bill has reached its last stage and is ready to be passed by the Council this evening. During its passage through the several stages, I am glad it was subjected to criticism both in and outside the country and that the result of that criticism has been to show that there is nothing in it which is dangerous to the interests of the public. On the other hand, the absence of such a law has been pointed out by such a respectable newspaper as the "Madras Mail" very recently as a great draw-back. I may assure the public that the provisions of this law will be carried out as leniently as possible, and I hope and feel that the occasions on which it may have to be put into force will occur but very seldom. I now beg to propose that the Bill as amended be passed.

The motion was put and agreed to.

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